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In Re U.S. Patent Application Of:  
Kok-Hwee Ng et al.

Application No. 09/864,926

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
AUTOMATING THE WORKFLOW  
IN A BLOOD COLLECTION FACILITY

Attn: Box Non-Fee Amendment  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
TO AUGUST 2, 2002 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examination of this Application, Applicants respectfully submit this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment to the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 2, 2002. In the August 2, 2002 Preliminary Amendment, Applicants inadvertently misnumbered the added claims. Please substitute the following for the Amendments submitted by way of the August 2, 2002 Preliminary Amendment.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please cancel claims 1-37.**

**Additionally, please add the following claims:**

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47. A system for managing a procedure in a blood component collection facility, the system comprising:

a blood component donor identifier corresponding to a blood component donor;

an operator identifier corresponding to a blood component collection instrument operator;

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